

## Too Much Money

Only Fault of  
American  
Women

By MME. FREDERIQUE DE GRESAC,  
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What is the matter with American women? Why, they are perfect—perfect. They have too much, that is the matter. They are beautiful—oh, so very beautiful. As types they are such splendid physical specimens. In dress they excel. They are artistic, adaptable, intelligent and keen for the joys of life. And money—oh, so very much of it they have. Why, they are made of money. They roll in money.

They lavish in money, ride in money, eat money, entertain money, view money in their homes, on their boulevards and in their cities, and marry money. That is the keynote of the trouble—your money bags.

Why, what is there for a pretty young wife to look forward to after she has achieved her rich husband? That is what she is born and bred for, apparently, in America. She is imbued with the idea in the nursery. She has it plaited into her head with her long pigtail and done up into her psyche at the girls' fashionable boarding school, which she attends for the purpose of getting her "finish."

She comes out gowned gloriously, jumps into a whirl of social activity; is caught up by a millionaire or a billionaire or quadmillionaire, according to the importance of the girl's standing. Then she builds a great millionaire's home with money, she furnishes it with money—she pays and pays and pays and pays, and then finally it is all through and the gorgeous establishment has about as much money in it as it will hold. Then—oh, that then—then there is nothing more for the beautiful wife to do but spend, spend and spend, and at last it galls on her. It tires her, for she is too energetic and has too much mentality to remain for long in her gilded dollar-mark home with her gilded dollar-mark husband.

To this money-getting goal all other professions and callings are of secondary importance. The American millionaire patronizes the world, including his wife. Do you wonder then that she languishes and goes running about for new sensations?

He brings home to her money, but does he give her enough caresses to make of her a womanly woman? If he put the money out of his mind and put his wife there instead, it would be much the better for both of them.

## Wireless Power for Airships

By NIKOLA TESLA.

Progress in aerial navigation is essentially dependent on the perfection of a process of producing great mechanical effort with light machinery. Viewing the possibilities, near and remote, motive power is obtainable in four ways—First, by transforming the heat energy of fuel in an internal combustion engine; second, by converting the electro-chemical energy of a primary or secondary battery in an electric motor; third, by harnessing, on the moving vessel itself, the energy of the surrounding medium, and, fourth, by transmitting to it without wires the electrical energy of a distant source.

The first two methods are based on the use of a store of energy, which must be carried and periodically refilled, thus limiting the speed and duration of flight. The last two imply a flow of energy to the flying machine from without, the supply being continuous and inexhaustible. They are, therefore, immensely superior to the former.

Careful thought leads to the conclusion that the wireless method would be decidedly the best for the peace and welfare of men. But no matter how perfect the means for obtaining motive power, it will never be possible to go beyond certain rather narrow limits in aerial performance.

The atmospheric ocean is ideally adapted to travel, permitting, as it does, perfect freedom of movement in three directions, but the physical properties of the air make it rather unsuitable for navigation. It is a sticky or viscous substance, a hundred times more so than water, which means that it offers a relatively very great frictional resistance to a body in motion. Its small density is for many reasons detrimental to high efficiency of propulsion. Its compressibility, turbulence and perpetual unrest all cause additional specific losses of motive power. These properties forever preclude the possibility of excessive speed with reference to the surrounding air by the aeroplane as well as the dirigible balloon.

Making every allowance for future achievement, it is idle to expect that the record on land or water will be surpassed.



## Why More Women Than Men

By JAMES GRANT.

Did Mother Nature mean that the number of men should exceed the number of women? Did she mean that matters should be the other way round? Or was it her intention that honors should be easy in the relative number of the sexes? No one exactly knows as yet, though in this country, in France, in Germany and England, investigations are being made with a view to extracting this important secret from Nature's own laboratory.

Though it is well known that the number of women at present in existence exceeds by a considerable figure the number of

men, investigators concur in the view that tends to a fair equality in respect to numbers, and that the excess of women over men is due to casualty. In regard to the young males, it is statistically proved that they possess a smaller power of resistance to noxious forces, such as disease, than young females, both in the human group and in the animal. In nearly 11,000,000 of cases studied it was found that the males exceeded the females in the proportion of 103 to 100. The Frenchman, Quetelet, found in another case that the males exceeded the females in the proportion of 131 to 100. This investigator calculated, however, the actual birth of creatures, and did not allow for casualty. Darwin studied the matter in the case of nearly 26,000 horses of British breed, and found that the proportion of males was a fraction less than that of the females.

## DEFENSE OUTLINED

Lawyers Place Main Hope in Story That Hains Will Tell On Stand.

Flushing, L. I., Dec. 25.—The lawyers for Thornton Hains, who is on trial for alleged participation in the murder of William E. Annis, expect to open the defense on Saturday or Monday and Joseph Shay will outline the case to the jury. It is not known how many witnesses will be called for defense, but Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Shay are placing their main hope in the story that Thornton J. Hains will tell on the stand. "Thornton Hains' recital," said Mr. McIntyre, "will be clear and convincing and will tear the state's case to pieces. The defendant has no fear of the cross-examination of the prosecution's lawyers, and after his testimony, the shooting of Annis will be seen in a different light."

It is generally regarded as certain that Hains' lawyers will take the stand to refute the testimony of Policeman Fallon that Thornton Hains, referring to Annis, said to him on the night of the coroner's inquest that he would "like to go down into hell and bring him back, and kill him over again."

With the introduction of the Ripley letter the defense's counsel will probably develop from Thornton Hains what he meant in his letter regarding Annis, and if this line of examination is allowed, the story of Captain Peter C. Hains' unfortunate marital trouble will come out.

## Another Night Rider Testifies.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 25.—In the case against the "night riders" the state summoned Thomas H. Clear, as the first witness. Clear was induced to join the night riders by Arthur Clear, a defendant, early in October. The witness was cool but careful, for a friend of one of the men on trial approached Clear and told him if he testified he would be killed before he left the stand. On the day of Captain Rankin's murder, Clear went to the Reelfoot Lake for fish and met Bob Huffman and Bud Morris, two of the defendants. The witness was told that the riders were going to "get" Ranken and Taylor that night and he was urged to ride with them. He told them he had no gun, that his child was ill, and that he could not go. He was not present when Ranken was killed.

## Claims Gompers' Position Justified.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 25.—Grand Master-elect W. S. Carter of the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, when asked what he thought of the decision of Justice Wright, of the district court of Washington, in reference to labor, said: "The animus of the court is probably reflected in the intemperance of its language. If Mr. Gompers were in need of a vindication for his position during the recent political campaign, this fall sentence of men guilty of no crime proves the justification of his position. Nothing will popularize the theory of 'class consciousness,' political action as much as these decisions."

## Coal Companies Suspend Work.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 25.—Orders were posted at all the collieries of the Pennsylvania coal company and the Hillside Coal and Iron company for a suspension of work for 10 days. These companies are controlled by the Erie railroad company. A large majority of the employees are foreigners, and they usually spend so much time in the Christmas period celebrating, that it is impossible to get a complete working force at any colliery. This, and the fact that there is a large amount of coal on hand, induced the officials to order a 10-day suspension.

## FLAW IN BIG DISC

Another Lens Ordered For Mount Wilson Solar Observatory.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 25.—An unpleasant surprise greeted the authorities of the Mount Wilson solar observatory when the great 100-inch glass, the largest ever cast, was unwrapped from its packings, and after the first grinding began a large flaw was found so that the casting will have to be thrown away and a new one made. The casting of the great glass disk was done in Goblain, France, and the cost was \$50,000. Dr. George E. Hale stated today that arrangements for making another lens would be telegraphed at once to France. He believes that in time a perfect lens may be turned out even of so great a size.

## What the President Wants.

Washington, Dec. 25.—President Roosevelt will make a special effort in his African hunting trip to secure two white rhinoceri, about the scarcest animal in all Africa. The national museum in Washington is especially anxious for one of these and if the president gets another specimen, he will give it to the British museum. The president too, will not end his journey until he has secured two elephants.

## Capitalist Jumps to Death.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 25.—Hiram M. Cox, 65, a capitalist and retired wholesale merchant of Portland, Me., committed suicide by jumping from the third-story window of a hotel, to the pavement, a distance of 35 feet. Mr. and Mrs. Cox have been here since Nov. 7, Mr. Cox being under treatment for a nervous trouble.

## Playwright's Burns Fatal.

Boston, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Greenleaf Sutherland, a well-known newspaper and magazine writer and author of several plays, died at her home in this city, as the result of burns.

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